General Surprise Manifested that He Should Declare Himself Out of the Presidential Bace-The Effect will be to Harmonize and Strengthen the

New York, Feb. 13 -The Blaine letter is the only topic of conversation to-day in Wall street and all public resorts. evening paper quotes ex Senator Warner Miller as saying: "In my opinion Mr. Blaine has concluded that his nomination would not harmonize all the factions of the party. He may not have desired to enter another contest and to have to fight over again the battle of 1884. He is evidently sincere in his letter. I do not know what are his personal reasons for withdrawing from the candidacy for the nomination. I am only stating my opinion of his public reasons."

President S. B. French, of the police board, said: "I regard the letter as a very able document and entirely characteristic of Mr. Blaine. I think it withdraws him absolutely from the field, and in my opinion makes John Sherman a favorite of the Republican party."

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Senator Hawley was asked if he considered the letter as final. He said: "I do. Most assuredly I do. I think he means every word that he has written. There can be no doubt as to the sincerity of Mr. Blaine in this matter. Circumstances may arise that will compel his friends to refuse to accept this as a final answer from Mr. Blaine. But that no one knows anything about. I do not want to say any more. In fact I have nothing to say. Don't you see that all this talk about candidates is mere speculation, and nothing more?"

Ex Senstor Thomas C. Platt said: "Do I believe Mr. Blaine to be out of the race for the Presidency now?" the ex-senator said, as be thoughtfully stroked his beard. "Yes, I do. I believe Mr. Blaine neans every word in the letter that appeared in the morning papers. I have had reason to know for some little time that such a letter was forthcoming. I don't suppose every one can know how much Mr. Blaine's family has suffered by reason of the attacks that have been made upon him. Most of these attacks have been personal and brutal. From what I know of Mr. Blaine i can say that he has never been destrous of securing any presidential nomination. He has been forced into it each Mr. Blaine I can say that he has never been desirous of securing any presidential nomination. He has been forced into it each time. This I will say: Mr. Blaine's letter is a great disappointment to his friends. There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Blaine would be nominated by acclamation should he allow his name to be used in the next convention. There would be no opposition whatever."

Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, was at the Brevoort, on his way to Washington. He looked serious when asked what he thought of Mr. Blaine's letter and answered "I think that he is sincere and means every

thought of Mr. Biaine's letter and answered "I think that he is sincere and means every word that he has written. I cannot answer the question as to whether I had any premonition of his intentions in this matter, but I can say positively that Mr. Biaine was not anxious to run in 1884, and was urged to do so. He certainly will not be a candiffict and you can see from his letter that he does not decline because he thinks the Republican party would be defeated. He does not seek the nomination and has not, and this open declaration puts at rest all rumors not seek the nomination and has not, and this open declaration puts at rest all rumors to that effect. Mr. Blaine has the interest of the party at heart; he believes in its success, and will do as much as any man to carry the election this fall. He will return in June or July and when the campaigo opens blaine will enter the field and speak for the ticket. There can be no other construction put upon the letter than that he intends to do what he says he will do—i. e. decline to have his name presented to the convention. As to other candidates I cannot say. The Republican party, I think, can win the victery this fail.

Boss McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, said:
"We shall have to fight Mr. Blaine again."
be remarked sententiously. "He will be be remarked, sententiously. "He will be the next candidate for the presidency on the Republican side."

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Chauncey M Depew said: "Mr. Blaine's letter is an able letter. It was a surprise and disappointment to me and to all his friends. I have not yet bad time to take a horizontal view of the situation. I feel sure, however, that Mr. Blaine's friends will regret the step he has deemed it wise to take, and that which its of them will not consider it. a majority of them will not consider ifinal. Mr. Blaine's declination will no inal. Mr. Blaine's declination will no necessarily prevent his friends from nom nating him for the presidency, neither wil it prevent him from accepting a nominatio should it be given him. As for other poss ble candidates—well, their national popu

should it be given him. As for other possible candidates—well, their national popularity will not be known until the Chicago contention assembles. The "...th will be there. Senator Sherman has the confidence of the business men. As chairman of the finance committee has been a great success. That work is enough to attract the attention of his party."

The Frening Post says: "We think that Mr. Blaine's letter to Chairman Jones, of the Republican National Committee, does actually take him out of the field as a coursiant, for the Republican nomination for testant for the Republican nomination for the presidency. We think that this will be the effect and net result of it, whether he

so intended it or not."
AUGUSTA, Mr., Feb. 13 — The announce ment in the morning papers that Mr. Blaine says he will not allow his name to be presented to the National Republican be presented to the National Republican Convention has created a breeze of excitement in this city, and has been the only subject of discussion among Mr. Blaine's friends Mr. Manley says: It does not charge the situation; Mr. Blaine's friends have insisted that he was not a candidate. If, however, the Republican convention believes Mr. Blaine is the man who can best unite the party and nominates him it is believed he is too much of a patriot to decline. Having once been the candidate, and having been unsuccessful, he will not again seek the nomination. He must leave the party free to act. He has decided to decline. It, however, some other Republican than Mr. Blaine should be nominated, Maine will vote for the

PITTEBURG, Feb. 13.—Hon. B. F. Jones, chairman of the Republican National Committee, was interviewed this afternoon on Mr. Blaine's letter of declination. Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Blaine was in the best of health, and it was not for this reason that be declined a renomination. "His trip," said be, "has been wonderfully bene-ficial. I have had many letters from him. and in nearly all of them he has spoken of his health and said he was entirely recov-ered. No, sir, it is not ill-health nor the fear of the result or the worry and strain of another campaign which impelled Mr. Bisine to write that letter."

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Blaine refers the reasons were these: Before the nomination by the Republicans in
1876 Mr. Blaine was very anxious
to obtain the presidency and worked
for it with the aid of his
friends. He was disappointed when it went
to another man in the manner it did. In to another man in the manner it did. In 1880 he was still anxious, although in a leaser degree, and his disappointment was less marked. In 1884 he had, to a great extent, lost the desire for the office, and now he withdraws from the contest because he has no wish to become President. He takes a keen interest in literary work, and wants rest and quiet. I assure you these are the only reasons for Mr. Blaine's letter that are known to me. Everybody, sooner or later, loses a desire for something which they we'le once anxious to obtain, and this is entirely true in the case of Mr. Blaine."

"Is tot Mr. Blaine's letter somewhat inconsistent with the actions of friends, presumably with his consent, in working for sumably with his consent, in working for the control of the state delegations and committees?"

No. sir; it is not inconsistent. 'No such work has been done by us. Of course laye received countless letters on this sub ject from people north, south, east, and west. Mr. Blaine's friends have not sought to Set up or secure a single delegate any-where. We have made no concerted ac-

Mion. There has been no meeting to map out a course favorable to Mr. Blaine, and I assure you that whatever has been done by admirers of Mr. Blaine has been done on their own account and not at the instance of his close friends. We have done nothing to secure the nomination for Mr. Blaine. When people write to me on the subject I send them in reply the call of the convention as issued by the committee and some extracts from the posters of the convention of 1884. I have written no letters in Mr. Blaine's interest."

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"Was this letter laid before any sort of a meeting of his friends or of the National Committee?"

"It was not. The letter was received by me on Tuesday last, it having come directly from Florence to me. It was entirely in Mr. Blaine's handwriting. As yousee by its opening sentence, it was intended for the Republican party. I did not tell anybody of its existence until Friday. Then I told one man who assisted me in preparing copies of the letter for the press. It was not given out on Saturday because many papers do not print Sunday editions, and I was anxious to give it the widest publicity. I arranged to have it go out by the Associated Press. Even a man as close to Mr. Blaine as Mr. Stephen B. Eikins knew nothing of the existence of this letter until this morning."

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COLUMEUS, CHIO, Feb. 13.—In reply to a question as to the Blaine letter Gov. Foraker said: "I have long believed on very cradible authority that Mr. Blaine would not enter the lists as presidential candidate for nomination. Hence his letter is no especial surprise. I cannot say that I knew the letter would be published just at this time, but I was reasonably certain of his early words to that effect."

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—Congressmen Benj. Butterworth, of Cincinnati; C. Thompson, of Portsmouth, Ohlo, and J. J. Pugsley, of the twelfth Ohlo district, were in the city this morning en route to the Union Republican League banquet at Columbus, Ohlo, to-night. They were all overjoyed at Blaine's withdrawal from the presidential race, and although none of them went so far as to say that it shelved him for good, they all predicted that it would result in the nomination of John Sherman, of Ohlo, for the presidency. Congressman Butterworth said: "I think Mr. Blaine means to be sincere, but he is in the hands of his friends, and if they can see ure his nomination of his friends, and if they can see ure his nomination of his friends, and if they can see ure his nomination of his friends, and if they can see ure his nomination of his friends, and if they can see ure his nomination of his friends, and if they can see ure his nomination nomination of his friends, and if they can see upe his nomination nomination of his friends, and if they can see upe his nomination nomination of his friends, and if they can see upe his nomination nominatio for the presidency. Congressman Butterworth said: "I think Mr. Blaine means to be sincere, but he is in the hands of his friends, and if they can secure his nomination he will certainly be a caudidate. I think that his letter will have the effect of bringing. Senator Shermau more prominently before the people, and perhaps securing his nomination. He is the unanimous choice of Ohio, and would, of a certainty, be elected if nominated. But, then, Mr. Blaine has a great personal following, and is by no means politically dead. In the face of this his declination is most manly, and was doubtless prompted by some private reason rather than anything else."

"It was stated that when Murat Halstead met Mr. Blaine in Europe recently Blaine told him that he was undecided what to do regarding the presidency. He did not know whether to make a contest again or not. His wife was in poor health, and objected to his making another canvass, claiming that defeat would ruin, and perhaps kill him."

Mr. Butterworth predicted that if Blaine is not nominated for President he will go bock to the Senate, and that Senator Hale will go into the Cabinet if a Republican executive is elected.

Congressmen Thompson and Pugsley said that Sherman's nomination was now certair.

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Mr. Joseph D. Weeks, financial secretary of the Republican National Committee, in commenting on Mr. Blaine's letter, said: "I think Mr. Blaine is perfectly sincere in what he says, but I do not think his withdrawal will prevent his nomination or his acceptance of the nomination if thrust upon him. He owes too much to the Republican party for that. The issue next vear will be tariff vs. free trade, and as Mr. Blaine is the strongest exponent of the protection system now before the people it would not surprise me to see him nominated in spite of all."

Philadelphia, Pa, Feb. 3.—In reference to Mr. Blaine's letter deciling to be a nominee for the presidency. Senator Quay said: "I am surprised at Mr. Blaine's declination. I was not prepared for it at all. I had reason to believe he was as much a candidate as ever. There was special reason for this since the prospect indicated his nomination."

"But are you sure colonel, that he has declined?" Interrupted 'State Committee Chairman Cooper: "can't you read something else between the lines?"

"I can see nothing in that letter but an absolute withdrawal from the field," returned Senator Quay. "Mr. Blaine has made a blunder and he cannot remedy it. He would not dare to be a candidate after that letter, because if he was nominated he would certainly be defeated." certair. Mr. Joseph D. Weeks, financial secretary

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Col. Quay was not prepared to say much about the outlook, "It is too soon after the surprise to tell what will be done. Walt till the atmosphere clears," was all he would any would certainly be defeated Augusta, Mr., Feb. 13.—In an editorial

upon Mr. Blaine's letter, the Kenneber Journal to morrow will say : upon Mr. Biaine's letter, the Kennebec Journal to morrow will say:

We know not all the reasons which have caused Mr. Blaine to send his declination to the National Committee, and are authorized in no sense to speak for him or to interpret his course of action. We know well that he has strong personal reasons for not wishing to accept the Republican candidacy, and for avoiding the great responsibilities which the presidency would impose on him. But the needs of the country and the demands of the great national party with which his name and fame are so closely identified should and must override all personal considerations.

To make absolutely sure Republican victory over the opponents of American protection the voice of the Republican masses calls James G. Biaine to lead them. This expression of sentiment comes spontaneous y goom all sections of the Union, and equally emphatic from Maine to California, from Texas to Minnesota, as well as from the debatable great states of New York and New Jersey. Believing that thoughtful patriotism, sound policy, and the hopes of the strest victory call for Mr Blaine's unanimous memination, we cherish condinestly the hope that he will obey the popular will when hees how necessary it is that private feelings and considerations should yield to the loyal devotion of his heart to the great party whose past career and fittire purpose are alike worthy of the homage and thrillain with the best hopes

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DES MOINES, IOWA, Feb. 13:—In an interview to-day, J. S. Clarkson, Iowa member of the Republican National Committee, and an intimate friend and supporter of Blaine, said:

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I have been expecting the Blaine letter for some time. It is in line with letters I received from him in November and becomber which led me to believe and to say at the National Committee in Washington and afterwards at New York that I did not believe he would be in the field. The press of the country, led by the pursuing misrepresentations of the malignant exemies of Blaine, has refused to believe the sincerity and unselfish attitude Blaine has held toward the party. In 1881 he was not a candidate for the nomination; he did not really want is, and I received several letters from him in winter and the early spring before his nomination, strongly expressing the wish not to fun. So far from directing his friends at the National Convention that year be had no communication with them and not a word passed between him and any of them during the coutest there. The masses of the party, not the politicians, were for him, and it was their moviling forward at township primaries and country, district and state conventions that sent the delegates to Chicago for him. Before he went abroad last spring, he told me again of his settled dismetination to run, and of his controlling wish to contribute everything that he could to the unification and success of the party in the election of 1888. But the people still preferring him and believing that he was deferred in 1881 by the treachery of some party politicians, as he was, have been intending to move forward again and renominate and elect him, and word have done so but for his letter. His action now shows anew the greatness of the man, and his devotion as a Republican. He has done much to disarm earnity before his, and should certainly remove it all now. He will be at the front for the party next fall. The Blaine Republican will be for the candidate without any suking, whover he is, Inwa has voted in the state, but the senator, from his closer relations with the people in later year

counsellor of President Lincoln and of all the Republican Presidents since, and as the first jurist of the country of the present age. The indications are now that the party, will take a western man for its candidate. Sherman, of course, will move powerfully into the contest under the new order, but I believe the country will respond to other men, and that the choice, it made between western men, will be between Alison and Harrison, or Greaham, with Rusk, of Wisconsin, likely to develop great strength.

WHAT THE LEGISLATORS SAY. A Number of Opinions by Republican

Senators and Representatives. With but few exceptions, and they were, for the most part, of little consequence, everybody had something to say about Mr. Blaine's letter of abdication. The following opinions were gathered up at the capi-

tol yesterday : Senator Allian: "We cannot question the sincerity of the letter. Mr. Blains will not be a candidate unless the party de-mands it."

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Senator Palmer: "Mr. Blaine's action is honest and sincere, and it will simplify the contest considerably."

Senator Aldrich: "The outcome of Mr.

Blaine's retirement will be thorough unity and harmony in the Republican party, which now has before it every prospect of success."
Senator Plumb: "The withdrawal is a sincere one and will be of considerable advan-

Senator Teller: "Party harmony will be promoted by Mr. Blaine's action. He could be nominated, but having at heart the best interests of the party he has declined."

Senator Davis: "The withdrawal is a frank, honest one, made in the interest of harmony."

harmony."
Senator Blair: "Mr. Blaine is evidently in earnest and I regret it; he is our strongest man."
Senator Chandler: "I was not surprised at Mr. Blaine's letter, and I believe he is

Senator Farwell: "In reading between the lines, I infer that Mr. Blaine has an eager desire for renomination. It seems to me that if it were Mr. Blaine's slucere intention to decline or refuse the nomination, he would have signed his name at the end of the first paragraph."

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Senator Cullom: "Mr. Blaine's letter is, I think, a genuine withdrawal."
Senator Manderson: "Mr. Blaine is out of the race, and it simplifies matters considerably. The field is now clear, and we shall try to nominate the best man. We can win under any good leader."
Senator Paddock: "The withdrawal of Blaine is a disappointment to us, but Nebraska will go Republican as usual. We want a western man for our next President, and Allison seems to be the favorite in our state."

n our state. Senator Frye: "Mr. Blaine can still be a candidate, but not until the party calls for

him."
Senator Spooner: "The letter is unselfish and characteristic, and the field is now open. May the best man win."
Senator Mitchell: "Should the Republican party call upon Mr. Blaine he will respond; not otherwise."
Mr. Guenther, Wisconsin: "I think Blaine really means what he says, and will not be a candidate His withdrawal strengthens the party, and will benefit John Sherman's chances."
Mr. Bayne. Pennsylvania: "The letter

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Mr. Bayne, Pennsylvania: "The letter means what it says. Blaine can do as effective work on the stump—which he will take—as if he were a candidate."

Mr. Burrows, Michigan: "The letter is sincere; but whether it is or not, it makes Blaine's nomination impossible."

Mr. Houk, of Tennessee: "I do not think Blaine or any other man could afford to write such a letter to deceive the people and strengthen his own chances. Its effect will be to harmonize discordant elements and strengthen the pirty."

Mr. Baker, of New York: "I think Blaine was sincre, but it does not necessarily remove him from the race."

Mr. Steele, of Indians: "The effect of the letter will be that Blaine's friends will form other alliances, and thus strengthen

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the party."

Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania: "The question most frequently put to me to day relates to the good faith of the Blaine letter, and I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe It to be the expression of a deliberately formed purpose confirmed by the events and reflections of a number of months. It am confident that Mr. Blaine will not permit his name to be presented to the convention. His withdrawal has removed the last doubt of a Republican triumph next fall from my mind. Without considering the justice of the hostilities and prejudices which exist against Mr. Blaine I nave felt that they would endanger our success if he should be nominated by our convention, and my esteem for the man is greatly enformed purpose confirmed by the events and my esteem for the man is greatly en-

and statesmanlike manner in which it has been done."
"Who will be next in the line of succession;"
"Some good American citizen. I can recall the names of a dozen or twenty men, with any one of whom I believe we can win next November, but who would make the best candidate I do not know."
Representative Rowell, of Illinois, had paid but little attention to the matter, but supposed Blaine was sincere. Blaine, he said, was the favorite all through his district.

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Representative Peters, of Kansas, said that Biaine would have had the delegation from his state. Ingalls could have the sup-port of the state, and lobert Lincoln was well thought of. Personally he thought Blaine's withdrawal insured harmony and

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Representative Perkins, of Kansas, declared that he was pleased with Mr. Blaine's letter, not because he was opposed to Blaine, but because he felt Blaine's withdrawal insured Republican success. "It is a good, strong, manly letter, and I am glad it was written. Blaine's action clears the deck for a Republican victory."

Representative Funston, of Kansas, thought Blaine had made a great and noble sscriftee for the benefit of his party. While he thought Blaine could have been elected, he was now sure of success at the next election. Indiana, he said, should have the President, and Connecticut or New Jorsey the vice presidency. William Walter Phelps was his candidate for the leaser

President, and Connecticut or New Jersey the vice presidency. William Walter Phelps was his candidate for the lesser office.

Representative Turner, of Kansas, pronounced Blaine's letter an able document, and one which meant the election of a Republican President. He favored Gresham, who, he said, was an able, honest man, with a clear secret and popular in the west. who, he said, was an able, nonest man, with a clean record and popular in the west. Mr. O'Donnell, of Michigan: "I regard Mr. Blaine as the greatest Republican of the day, and i never esteemed him so much as I have since I read his letter. His withdrawal harmonizes the party, and makes the future pretty certain for the Republi-

can party."
Mr. Dunham, of Illinois: "Blaine is just Mr. Dunham, of Illinois: "Blaine is just as likely to be a candidate as he was before the letter was written."

Mr. Buchanan, of New Jersey: "The fight will be on the lines of protection against free trade, and Blaine would have been the fittest representative of protection as opposed to Creveland, the champion of free trade. His letter is undoubtedly genuine."

Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire: "I think the letter is a genuine withdrawal, but I believe that Blaine would accept the nomination if it was tendered him in anything like a unanimous manner."

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Mr. Harmer, of Pennsylvanis: "Biaine is sincere. He has relieved the party of many complications and has undoubtedly made way for a man who will be elected."

Mr. Long, of Massachusetts: "I think the letter a good one and believe it to be sincere; it will be accepted as such by the Republican party. His action assures our success in November."

Mr. Milliken, of Maine: "Mr. Blaine is sincere, but his friends will not change their course."

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Mr. Browne, of Indiana: "Mr. Blaine would prefer the certainty of power in the incoming Republican administration than to take the chances of a personal contest. I am for Ben. Harrison."

Mr. Anderson, of Kansas: "The letter is a bona fide one and we will elect the next President. I prefer a western nomines, but will take anything—anything but a railroad man." Mr. Cutcheon, of Michigan: "We must

accept Blaine at his word; I think he is A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

accept Blaine at his word; I think he is out of the race."
Mr. Morrill, of Kansas: "it was a grand letter and will simplify the work of the convention. We can now choose the strongest man."
Mr. Morrow, of California: "We would have supported Blaine enthusiastically."
Mr. West, of New York: "Blaine's declination helps us. I am for the best man."
Mr. Symes, of Colorado: "I think Blaine is sincere, but believe he would accept the nomination, if tendered with acything like uranimity."

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Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio: "It is sincere beyond all possible doubt. To doubt it is to do Blaine a great and cruel injustice. No honest man will tamper with the party he loves, nor practice a trick upon other candidates. The effect will be good, for it will remove a source of intense bitternass from our preliminary carvass, and by setting so high an example of virtue and self-sacrifice, render the party stronger. Time alone can tell who his withdrawal will most benefit, but the man who will be most harmed by all this is Grover Cleveland."

SHERMAN NOT SURPRISED.

He Expected that Mr. Blaine Would Withdraw from the Race.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 13 -John Sterma who is in the city, on hearing that Mr. Blaine would not allow his name to be used before the Chicago convention, said that he had been expecting some such ut terance from Mr. Blaine for some time. He had understood that it would be forthcoming. Mr. Biaine was one of the foremost Americans, whom every Republican
would have delighted to honor, and it was
a source of regret that he had concluded
not to make the race again. Mr. Sherman
did not care to talk much about the Blaine
letter, and thought it would cause a number of other candidates to come to the
front. He proposed to make the race for
the Obio delegation, and would contest
bonorably for the nomination. Mr. Blaine
was a Republican who could sweep the
country if nominated, but he had understood all along that be would not again
seek the nomination. It was on this hypothesis that he (Sherman) had entered the
lists. coming. Mr. Biaine was one of the fore-

LINCOLN DAY BANQUET.

Notable Assemblage at Columbus-Sherman's Reception.

COLUMBUS, ORIO, Feb. 13.—The first banjust in honor of the anniversary of Presilent Lincoln's birthday was given in Well's Post Hall here to-night by the Ohio Repub-lican League. The number of tickets was limited to 250, and the committee scauned closely the list, so that the attendance was very select, representing the best and most prominent elements of the liepublican party in all parts of the state. Among the guests and orators were such well known man as Senator Sherman, Gov. Foraker.

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Before the banquet, which began at So'clock, an informal reception was held at Gov. Foraker's office. Hon. Daniel J. liyan, of Portamouth, president of the Ohio league, delivered the address of welcome. Addresses were made by Gov. Luce, of Michigan: Gov. Foraker, Murat Halstead, and others. Senator Sherman was introduced as a fitting man for the presidency, at the announcement of which the guests broke out into wild and enthuslastic cheering.

OTHER OPLEMBATIONS. ROSTON, Feb. 13 - Lincoln Day was cele-brated here with a banquet at the Hotel Thorndyke, Letters of regret from Presi-dent Cleveland, Gen. Sheridan, and Senator Sherman were read. BROOKLYN, Feb. 13 .- At the Lincoln Day banquet here Senator Hawley, Col. Inger-soil, Senator Evarts, and ex Senator War-Ler Miller, and Congressman White mule

NO NEGRO EXODUS Ex-Senator Bruce Wants the Coloniza tion Scheme Abandoned.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 13. -- Ex-Senat-

Banche K. Bruce, formerly of Mississippi, but who is now a resident of this city, was to-day asked by a reporter his opinion South America and Liberia. The ex-senator replied, "Oh, there isn't arything in the so-called exodus either to South America or to any other foreign of the proposed negro exodus to ai ything in the so-called exodus either to South America or to any other foreign land. The scheme originated with two classes—one composed of a few honest, simple minded men, without experience and without the remotest conception of the magnitude of the venture; the other is composed of sharpers, who think they see in the proposed movement an opportunity to advance their personal fortunes. Some of the latter class, I am informed, have recently appeared in northern communities as agents, soliciting northern communities as agents, soliciting money to hurry forward the work. To

money to harry torward the work. To encourage such men is to put a premium on fraud, and in the estimation of the public will do an incalculable injury to the colored people of this country."

The ex-senator added that about a year ago a prominent official in Venezuela informed him that while that government would welcome immigration. It desired formed him that while that government would welcome immigration, it desired only such as would be self-sustaining for one year as a guarantee against the possibility of becoming a public charge. In conclusion Mr. Bruce said: "We may as well abardon, once for all, the impracticable scheme of colonization and devote our energies to the work of disciplining and informing the negroes, intellectually and morally, that they may be armed for the battle of life at home."

The Situation at the Collieries. EHENANDOAH, PA., Feb. 13.-There were us of violence at Kehley Run colliery this orning, the only disturbance being the application of insulting epithets to the work-inen by the strikers. The joint committee sanctions the working of the mine, and they will discountenance any attempts at violence. Only a few men responded at the Shenandoah colliery, and no attempt was made to resume work. Work was resumed at North and South Laurel Holge collieries.

ren Minutes from Baltimore to Wash ingtou. BATLINGER, Feb. 13,-A company was inc erated in this city to-day which propose-end merchandise and mail by electro-auto matic power over an elevated railway, it can of which cannot run off, and to make it time of transit from llattimore to Washington ten minutes. Some very prominent busine men and capitalists are engaged in the onte

No Indictment Against Gould and Sage Naw York, Feb. 12.—The district attorner returned from Washington to-day. It was ex sected he would submit the cases against Jasould and Russell Sage to the grand jury, but bat body adjourned without presenting an

GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.-A party of 1 GREENSBYRG, PA., Peb. 18.—A party of Himsgarians engaged in a row Saturday night, and two of them were shot, one fatality. Constable Stauffer, who went to arrest them, was pounced on and beaten unmercifully with hatchets. He was carried home in an uncon-clous condition.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 13.—Galvin, the pitcher signed with Pittsburg to-day for \$4,000, o which \$1,000 was paid at once. He invested i

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.-A skill containing eight negroes was overturned by the swell A Meadville Block Burned MEADVILLE, Pa., Feb. 13,-The Olmstead clock was destroyed by fire this morning from a steamer last night, and seven of the occupants drowned. AN UNCERTAIN foundation codangers the house. Use Warner's Log Cabin Hope and duchn Remedy. Put the foundation of health the stomach in proper order. Sold by drug-gists generally.

The Mosquito Mills Burned WINONA, MINN., Feb. 48. - The Mos mills, an old landmark, have been destroye

DINING THE PRESIDENT. Secretary and Mrs. Whitney's Dinner in

Bla Honor.

with Secretary and Mrs. Whitney last even

ing. The table was decorated with three

bowls, set upon squares of white satin em-

broidered with gold. The candelabra were

silver, the tapers white, and the shades yel-low. High stands of strawberries gave

color to the effect of the exquisitely simple

Among the hundreds of prominent persons

ig bunches of Puritan roses in cut glass

The President and Mrs. Cleveland dined

THE ARREST OF IRISH MEMBERS WITH-IN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HOUSE.

Sharp Debate in the House of Com moss-A Motion to Refer to the Committee on Privileges Rejected-Enthusiastic Reception to Mr. Sutlivan

Loxpon, Feb. 13.-Mr. Picton's speech effect of the whole. The guests were the President and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary a support of his motion of a question of President and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary and Mrs. Bayard, Secretary and Mrs. Fair-child, Secretary and Mrs. Endicott, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Don Dickinson, Senator and Mrs. Butler, Senator Beck. Senator Blackburn, Representative and Mrs. W. L. Scott. and Miss Belle Thompson, who is Mrs. Writteey's guest.

The annual dinner of the Washington Harvard Club will take place at Wormley's Thursday. Feb. 16, at 6 p. m. President privilege in the house of commons this evening which he raised, instead of Mr. Parnell, at the latter's request, was chiefly confined to an arraignment of the government for responsibility for the arrest Mr. Patrick O'Brien, whom the police allege they mistook for Mr. Gilhooly. The action of the government in the matter of Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p. m. President Ellot and the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, will be the guests of the evening. The members of the club have been invited to a reception in honor of President Ellot, at Secretary Endicott's, immediately after the dinner. The Secretary of State and the Misses the arrest and imprisonment of other Irish members came in for a share of the Leicester member's condemnation, but the crown log outrage, in his estimation, appeared to be the dragging to Scotland Yard of the wrong man. Evidently Mr. Pictou bad The Secretary of State and the Misses Bayard held the last of their pleasant card receptions last evening, the occasion proving among the most enjoyable of the many delightful entertainments of the now closed season, the Secretary gragiously assisting his daughters in receiving his guests. Miss Payard atood by her father's side within consulted with Mr. O'Brien previous to preparing his speech, for he appeared to be oulte as unwilling to accept he applicates which had been offered by the police authorities as atoming for their action as was Mr. O'Brien himself on the day of his arrest. Mr. Parnell's amendment bis daughters in receiving his quests. Miss leavard stood by her father's side within the entrance of the front parlor. She wore a handsome gown of rose piths stiln brocade, the low cut corsige edged with a spray of pink chrysanthemunis. Miss Florence layard greeted the company in the library adjoining, wearing a pretty toilet of Brussels net, with undine ribbons, and Miss Louile, in white talle and satin, presided in the dising room, where every delicacy was supplied to the throng which crowded the apartments, notwithstanding the numerous other entertainments of the evening. Among the hundreds of prominent persons day of his arrest. Mr. l'arnell's amendment to the address in reply to the queen's speech condemning the administration of the coerciou'act in Ireland will be supported by Mr. Gladstone, Sir William Harcourt, and Mr. John Morley, and the hot shot that the Irish leader and the chief and the first and second lieutenants of the liberal force will pour into the serfed ranks of the unionist tors alliance will make the leaders of that coalition weary of parliamentary life. The tory papers strive hard to belittle this aftersoon's demonstration in bonor of Messrs. Sullivan and O'Brien, but are forced to adsuffyin and O'Brien, but are forced to admit that 20,000 persons were assembled in Hyde park, which number may be safely increased by 20,000. The procession, which comprised about haif the number of participators in the demonstration, ocpresent none attracted more attention than the two brides—Mrs. E. Berry Wall and Mrs. Jesse Tyson. The former wore a beautiful gown of tulle, with side panels and bodice of white brocade caugut with and bodice of white brocade caught with sprays of white lilacs; soft folds of the tulle were drawn over the shoulders and fastened at one side, with a Maltese cross of sapphires and diamonds. She carried a large bunch of La France roses. Mr. Wall was in full evening dress of broadcloth with a buttonhole bouquet of white hycinths and purple violets. Mrs. Tyson wore an elegant ball dress of white tulle. The Chinese minister and suite attended the reception in a body, then drove direct to the legation to receive their guests. cupied twenty-live minutes in passing a given point, and contained at least 20,000 people. Almost as many people as there were in the procession assembled in the part an hour or more before its arrival, and the affair, thoroughly orderly, was a grand success. Great disappointment was felt at the absence of Mr. O'Brien, but this felt at the absence of Mr. O'Brien, but this fact in no wise dampened the enthusiasm or detracted from his share in the tribute to the patriothem of himself and Mr. Sullivan; which was the object of the meeting. Ex-Mayor Sullivan, of Dublin, was given an enthusiastic reception in London to-day. He was presented with an address this evening, and in reply said the government's wreiched attempts at coercion had not suppressed or frightened any one. Irishmen had been imprisoned for disregarding a law which Englishmen would have trampled under foot. The tory reign of terior was doomed to speedy extinction. An immense reception was given him in

An immense reception was given him in Hyde Park.

Mr. Pictou bome ruler, to-day directed attention in the house of commons to the strests of Mesers. O'Brien, Pyne and Githooly, claiming that it was a breach of privilege. The speaker said Pyne and Gilhooly were arrested on criminal warrants and no breach of privilege had been committed, but in the case of O'Brien a breach bad been committed. Attorney General Webster denied that any privilege existed, and if O'Brien was not satisfied with apologies and explanations offered, he had other

and if O Brien was not satisfied with applications offered, he had other remedies.

Mr. Pictou was not satisfied with the explanation, and said parliament must vindicate its rights. He, therefore, moved that the wrongful arrest of Mr. O'Brien

that the wrongful arrest of Mr. O'Brien which leaving the heuse of commons was a breach of privilege.

Mr. McLarne, radical, referred to the arrest as within the precincts of the house, and acconded the motion.

The attorney general moved an amendment that the house regretted the judgently offered Mr. O'Brien, but did not think it necessary to proceed further.

Mr. Ghadstone admitted that as far as an anology was concerned the home secretary

had done a lithat could be expected, but he said O Brien was not only arrested within the precincts of the house, but was seized by a constable without a warrant. It afided reasonable ground for reference to the committee on privileges. The instance was not an innocent error, but was a procedure, careless or worse, which demanded an irquiry. If the attorney general insisted on his amendment, and it was carried, he would move a reference to the committee

on privileges.

Solicitor Clarke announced that there being no breach of privilege there was nothing to refer.

Mr. Parnell said if it had been an English number of people present.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Z. Leiter gave a charm ing cotillion last evening to their daughter, Miss Leiter. Mr. Richard Peters led the Miss Leiter. Mr. Richard Peters led the cotillion with Miss Leiter.

Madame Bakhmetlif, wife of the secretary of the Russian legation in Athens, arrived in the city yesterlay, to visit her parents, Gen. and Mrs. Beale. Mr. Parnell said if it had been an English member the government would have had a detective who know the member wanted. He protested against the duties which the government thrust on constables guarding parliament. It was surely a question of privilege whether members could go to and from parliament without molestation.

W. H. Smith desied that the government versield an estionage over any of the The members of the Army and Navy German Club held their final meeting last evening.
Misses Boughton and Smith, of Brooklyn,
Mrs. Blanchard, of Louisiana. Miss. Clay,
of Louisians. Miss Jenks, of Pennsylvania,

W. H. Smith denied that the government exercised an espionage over any of the members of the house. John Morley intimated that the opposition would allow the motion to be negatived without opposition. He moved a reference to the committee on trivileges, which was rejected 246 to 161. J. G. Fynn, North Cork, then resumed debate in reply to the queen's speech. THE CHOWN PRINCE'S CONDITION.
BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Dr. Mackenzie, at the quest of the crown prince, has sent to the

request of the crown prince, has sent to the emperor a report of his views of the prince's condition, saying there is nothing to show the disease to be other than inflammation of the larynx, combined with perichondritis. Dr. Mackenzie will leave San Remo

Wednesday.

The crown prince's condition is satisfactory. He saw all the members of his family to-day.

The second reading of the first clause of the socialist bill prolonging the existing law until Sept. 30, 1890, was to-day adopted—164 to 80.

A deputation of the Russian Kaluga regiment called on the Emperor William, Saturday, to congratulate him on the 70th anniversary of his becoming honorary communder of the regiment.

Count Schoursloff to day expressed to Prince Bismarck the ezar's high apprecia tion of his recent speech.

EVACUATION OF TONOUTS.

PARIS, Feb. 13 — Secretary Etienne says that the actual expenses on the Indo-China account would not exceed 70,000,000 frames. The union of the Indo-Chinese settlement had simplified the machinery of the government. The number of troops would be reduced by 10,000 men.

M. Delafosse and M. Perrin maintained that the occupation of Tonquin would be a danger to France as long as threatenings of war resounded on the frontier. Premier Tirard declared the irresponsibility of the government if it implied the evacuation of Tonquin, but if it signified a request to effect economies the ministry were prepared to adopt the course indicated. A credit of 10,000,000 francs was voted.

Rebelling Against the Master Work-CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.—A turbulent meeting of shoemakers was held to day, which was called o hear the decision of Master Workman Cava such on the Blacker Gester lockout. The de ision ordered the strikers back, but it is said bey will not obey it.

Lee Gots Eighteen Months CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Ralph Lee, who shot of stepfather, Stephen W. Rawson, was to-day A Consular Employe Snieldeound guilty of assault with intent to kill, and entenced to eighteen months in the county Seven Negroes Drowned.

> Virginia Mail Carrier Arrested. arrier at the postoffice here, was arrested

ISIDOR RAYNER.

Congressman from Maryland, Author Representatives to Prevent the Formation of Trusts.

gress are feeling the force of the public



in an investigation of trusts by order of the House. Whether or not Congress will do anything to restrain those business combi-nations formed to crush competition and force up prices or not, the action of the subcommittee appointed by the committee

man whose portrait appears at the head of this article.

Isidor Rayner, of Baltimore, author of the bill to which reference is made, is a young man yet. He was born April 11, 1850. After leaving the University of Virginia, where he completed his academical studies, he read law. He was admitted to practice at the Maryland bar in the city of Baltimore, where he has practiced ever since. His legislative career began in 1878, when he was elected to the Maryland legislature and made chairman of the Baltimore delegation to that body. In 1886 Mr. Rayner was elected to the state senate from Baltimore city for four years. He was a state senator guests.

Mr. Evereth Winslow, of this city, and grandson of the late Admiral Winslow, met with quite a serious accident on Friday last at West Point while undergoing the cavairy practice at the riding school, his horse slipped and fell upon him, breaking his hip, from which he is now confined to the hospital. The surgeon in charge does not consider that say internal injury has resulted, and probcity for four years. He was a state senator when elected to the present Congress, of which ne will probably become a distin-guished member.

surgeon in charge does not consider that say internal injury has resulted, and probably Mr. Winslow will escape with but a continement of some weeks to his bed, and the consequent loss of standing in his studies, in which he ranked No. I, having. In the three years of his stay, distanced all privious records at the academy.

Mr. Legare and Mr. Dick Wallanh, with a number of other members of the villes. July Times at the Ball of the Ger mania Maennerchor. The grand masquerade ball of the Germani a number of other members of the riding academy, were yesterday photograped with their horses, as they stood singly and in a group upon the lot just opposite the building. The custom of having one's picture Machinerchor at Edel's (Abner's) Hall last night was one of the most successful and en-

loyable of the season. The arrangements were or charge of an able executive committee, with Charles G. Rogier as chairman. About the lickets were sold, and over 250 maskers ing. The custom of having one's picture taken seated in a pretty dray or open landeau within the neighborhood of some one of our numerous parks became quite the rage last spring, and doubtless all the young aspirants after equestrian fame will vie with each other in this new concelt.

Justice and Mrs. Field gave a high teasy esterially from 4 to 7 in honor of Mr. David Dudley Field and his daughter inlaw, Mrs. Dudley Field and his daughter inlaw, Mrs. Dudley Field, of New York, that attracted all the good people of the West End to Capitol Hill. Mrs. Field received in a dress of turquoise satin turned back over a brocaded petticoat; Mr. David Dudley Field stood next to her with a pink rose in the lapel of his Prince Albert coat. Mrs. Dudley Field wore peach blossom pink 1,000 fickets were sold, and over 250 maskers and as many more speciators were present. At 950 o clock the march began, headed by the Salvation Army, twenty-five members, with drums, cornets, symbols, flags, and lanners under command of Capt, George Fisher, Following them came dukes, earls, ounds, didines, clowns, flower girls, waiters, &c. Then the Corean embassy, his emmonce Mukini Totum, and his suite of nine. After which came a delegation from sunny Spain, the little Girman bird, do Nas, in goes, &c. Next came a group of nine Ethiopian and in the lapel of his Prince Albert coat. Mrs.
Dudley Field wore peach blosson pluk
satin over maroon brocade; Mrs. Condit
Smith, in black lace over black silk: Miss.
Condit Smith in white Chinese crape, Mrs.
John F. Rodgers in black tuile and silk. maskers. Unmasking took place at that time, and dancing commenced. The first price for best group \$10 was awarded to the Saiva-ion Army, and the second (\$10) to the Corean

> VETERANS CAMP FIRE. Smoking Pipes and Telling the Old

and Mrs. remont in white lace, were of the assisting party. A table loaded with every dainty was laid in the diging room and served by efficient men, and champagne punch and caffe frappe and cakes were served in the library. There were a large War Stories. Company A. 2d battalion (first company nion Veteran Corps; Capt. F. B. Harrison commanding, save their Grand Army friend

disses Christmas and Morgan, of this city will receive with the family of Representa

will receive with the ramily of representa-tive Wheeler this afternoon.

Mrs. Gen. Spinola will hold her last re-ception of the season at the Arlington to-day at 5 p. m.

Mrs. J. E. Washington, 5 lowa Circle, will not receive this afternoon owing to sickness in her family.

Mrs. W. W. Burdette will not receive on Wednesday, but will be at home informally hereafter.
Mrs. Senator Palmer will be at home this afternoon after 3 o'clock.

and Mrs. Fremont in white lace, were of

THE OPIUM SMUGGLER.

Former United States Inspector in Custody-He Claims to be Innocont.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 13 -Edwin A Gardner, who is under arrest for amuggling \$10,000 worth of oplum, had in his trunk documents showing that ten years ago he was a United States Inspector. He refuses to say whether he is still a government officer, but claims he will soon establish his innecence. Disguises and labels for opium packages were found in his trunk. He says he is in town because he cannot trust tele-graph operators to send cipher messages.

OVERCOME W S JOY.

Husband's Exultation at the Victory of His Wife Over His Stepmother.

New York, Feb. 13. A verdict for \$15. 00 and interest, amounting to \$19,400, was to-day awarded Mrs. Jacob Wilson, ir. against Mrs. Ella Wilson, administratrix o he estate of Jacob Wilson. The plaintiff claimed she was promised a certain sum of money by Mr. Wilson if she would marry bis son, whose face was badly distigured, Jacob, jr., fainted with joy at the victory of his wife over his stepmother.

Naw York, Feb. 13.—The receipts of the cent walking match were \$22,525.50, of with 0.784.25 was divided among the contestant as follows: Albert, \$1,313.79; Herty, \$2,095.99 Cuerrero, \$1,294.11; Hart, \$862.74; Goider \$447.60; Moore, \$481.37; Strokel, \$1,73.61; Nove mae, \$210.89; Albert also received \$1,0-9.60 breaking the record.

New York, Feb. 13.—Frederick W. Meyers, who for thirty-five years was employed in the office of the Austrian consul, committed suiide to day by taking paris green. The only arm assigned was that his age prevented im doing the amount of work he wanted to.

FETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 18.—John E. Cros-ics, who has, for the last two years, been mail to-day on a charge of robbing the malls. Ho was committed to await examination by a United States commissioner.

of a Bill Now Before the House of

Popular feeling against trusts, pools, and ubines" finds strong expression nowadays, and both state legislatures and Couopluion, which condemns them. The committee on manufactures of the House of



sulconmittee appointed by the committee on manufactures to investigate trusts will be fruitful, without doubt in exposing the abuses wrought by them.

The opportunity, however, of congressional action against trusts in a more prompt and direct way is presented by the introduction of a bill prepared by the congressman whose portrait appears at the head of this article.

FUN AMONG MASKERS.

commanding, gave their Grand Army friends last nights camp fire at their armory, corner of seventh and I, streets northwest. The hall was crowded, and much enthusiasm was evinced by all present at the varied programme that was gotten up for their benefit. The Washington String Orchestra, theorephons Gree Club, Eit Carson Post drum carps, Messis, Delavaughne, Lawless, Murray, Petry, J. E. McCale, Gen. J. B. Crit, Ham Smith, and others with instrumental and vocal music, speeches, recitations, &c., made every one happy. The usual pork and beans, crackers, and coffee and pipes filled in as a complement to the affair.

uplement to the affair. Alexandria Matters.

The Rev. Milton B. Lambdin and bride are in the city on a visit to the parents of the The Confederate bacar will close this ever of by suction.

The city council will meet to night, when
they will be asked by the committee having
the 22d parade in charge to contribute \$300 to the 22d jarade in charge to contribute \$300 to the fund.

The Oil Friendship engine was yesterday sent to Washington, where it has been loaned to the Oild Veterans for a parade on the 22d.

Carolineterson, who some months previous opened a variety shore on king street, known as the Washington Fair, yesterday made an assistment to Mr. I. tensterger for the benefit of the creditors. The Tassets are placed at \$1,000; liabilities, \$2,000.

The corporation court was in session yesterday for a few hours, transacting principally routine business. The most important thing done was the appointment of an administrator to the estate of the late John B. School in the person of Henry Smool, who quainful in the sum of \$100,000, with John Perry, W. A. Smool, and J. R. Smool as sureties.

A Woman Terribly Beaten.

hater's alley, near Seventh and G streets, got into a quarrel with the woman, beat her over the hard and about the body, and finally knocked her down. While the woman was restrate he kicked her a violent blow in the someth. Her screams awakened the neigh-soriood, and people docked to the house, only y and that the assailant had ded. The woman vas given medical attention, and her injuries tree promounced very serious. The notice hade every efforting capture Coleman, but he had a deduced them. later's alley, near Seventh and G streets, g

Grand Campanini Concert.

The Campaniti concert was a most pleasant that. The high grade audience that crowded orgregational Church last night was eviconsegntional Church last night was evi-denely more then pleased with the programme and its rendition. Signora Schalehi's "Ab-tack Gerno" was a really exquisite piece of work, and she secured round after round of appliance. Campanini seng with old-line fire-bit the old-time voice was missing. Many of his rotes were amouth and award, but yet topi, at a clear, high fone showed a weakness. The other members of the Com-pany did excellent work and were well re-ceived.

Incontain in a Tenement House Fire.
Incontain, N. Y. Feb. 13.—Fire to-lay, caused by the explosion of an oil lamp, destroyed the apartments of Mrs. Mary Lawless and the adjoining house of John McDonald. John Rau, 5: years of age, was sufficient to death. Sufficiated in a Tenement House Fire

The Weather. For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia-Warmer, fair weather, foltowed during Wednesday by colder weather, table to fresh winds shifting to westerly. 
Thermometer readings; 7 a. m., 27.97; 5 p. m., 40.0°; 10 p. m., 32.0°; mean temperature, 54.0°; maximum, 44.0°; minimum, 25.0°; mean rotative humidity, 35.0°; total precipitation.

## CHINESE MINISTER'S BALL

THREE CENTS.

STEWART CASTLE FILLED WITH PROBI-NEST MEN AND PRETTY WOMEN.

Most Notable Assemblage of the Seacon-Beautiful and Rare Oriental Decorations-Bich and Elegant Toiletter of the Ladies.

The reception and ball given by the Chinese minister last night was a large, brilliant, and orderly affair, in market con-trast to the unhappy event of last year. Stewart Castle is perfect in its appointments for entertaining, and the beautiful ments for entertaining, and the beautiful rooms were artistically decorated. The minister, assisted by Mr. Liang and Mr. Shu, received the guests in the grand saloon. In the ball room Mr. Ho Suen Chee presided as floor manager. This splendid apartment was wonderfully decorated. The dias for the musicians was hedged with tail plants and flowering bushes, and over all was a Chinese theater, a box full of small figures attudinizing in the scene of a Chinese drama. In the other dias recesses were other theaters, and there a box full of small figures attudinizing in the scene of a Chinese drams. In the other Jias recesses were other theaters, and there was one in the disting room. The dame began at 10 o'clock. The supper room was thrown open, and a superb feast was served by Demonet—oysters, croquettes, terrapin, salads, fancy (see, champagne, punch, coffee, buillion, and cake, and so on. The center was a great basket of stowers, tallps, and byscinths. The bouse at midnight was a brilliant spectacle. The toilets were superb: Mrs. Fairchill wore old rose moire and white satin; Mrs. Dickinson, green velvet and silk: Miss Florence Bayard, black Brussels net; Miss Louise Bayard, white albatross cloth; Mrs. Spinola, black velvet, point lace, and diamonds; Miss Dourlas, white silk gauze: Mrs. Robinson, blue silk, pointed bodice: Miss Whitford, pink crape and satin; Mrs. Dolph, white ofform a silk; frimmed with gold passementeries; Miss Odeneal, white tulie; Mrs. Fagan, gobelin blue silk; Miss. Romero, blue silk and lace; Mrs. Faster, ruby velvet and lace; Miss Foster, pink silk and talle; Miss Etta Van Hook, blue satin; Mrs. Middleton Smith, white silk; Mrs. Black, white silk; Mrs. MacArthur, blue silk, Others present were Chief Justice Waite, Justice Gray, Senator and Mrs. Mrs. Middleton Smith, white slik; Mrs. Black, white slik; Mrs. MacArthur, blue slik. Others present were Chief Justice Waite, Justice Gray, Senator and Mrs. Palmer, Gen. and Mrs. Sherfdan, Hon. Jeff Chandler, Mrs. Chandler, and Miss Chandler, Miss Chandler, Mrs. Chandler, and Miss Chandler, Miss Ida Thompson, Mr. Ross Thomas, Senator and Mrs. Spooner, the British minister and Mrs. Spooner, the British minister and the Misses West, Mrs. Hicks Lord, Representative and Mrs. Burrows, Senator and Mrs. Payne, Representative and Mrs. Sowden, Mr. de Struve, Baron von Zedtwitz, Mavroyeni Bey, the Corean minister and suife, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, J. Spring Rice, Mrs. Miller, Miss Lucy Col-Worldill, Col. and Mrs. John Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stockton, Secretary and Mrs. Endicott, Miss Vilas, Secretary Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bryan, Capt. Randall, Postmaster General Dickinson, Mrs. De Bans, Judge Shellabarger, Mr. Lanadale, Justice and Mrs. Field, and Justice and Mrs. Matthews

NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY.

Indications That at Their Revisit The

Will Repeat Their Success. The great National Opera Company left here yesterday morning at P o'clock for Richmond in a special train of fourteen cars. There was mile a crowd at the depot to witness the departure of this immense organization. The train started on the schedule time, and five or six of the company got to the depot just in time to see the train newing out. They, howtime to see the train newing out. They, however, took the regular train at 11 o'clock. A telegram from Richmond amountees that the National Opera Company appeared there last night before a crowded sudience at the Mosart Academy of Music. It was the first performance in Richmond of grand opera on a grand scale, and it was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The return visit of the National Opera Company to the New National Theater next work will doubtless draw even larger audiences than were present at last week's operas, excepting, perhaps, in the case of Rubinstein's great opera, "Nero, which was given to the full scating and standing nom capacity of the house. The scason sale of seats opens at 9 o'clock this morning & Meissrott's music store. No. 202 Pennsylvania avenue. The strong impression made by the Metagrott's music store, No. 203. Pennsylvania avenue. The strong impression male by the National Opera Company in its great productions of tast week was shown by the number of persons who visited Metagrott's store personal to imprire about the season sale of seats. The sale of seats for single performances will be opened at the box office of the New National Theater on Monday next at 8:50 a. m.

BOUND FOR COREA. One of the Military Experts Starts for

His Destination. Gen. Wir. McE. Dre. who is one of the commission of three American military experts selected by the Corean government to reor-gatize their semy, left for San Francisco Sunday evening, and will sail from that point direct to his destination. He tendered his resignation as chief of the special examination divi nation as chief of the special examination divi-sion of the pension bureau to Commissioner Black before leaving. Gen, Dye has said very little on this subject even to inquate acquaint-ances. It is known, however, that he will practically have command of the Coroan forces, Maj, Adolf Erdman, of Missouri, who was yesterday appointed chief of the special examination division, vice Gen, Dye, resigned, was formerly special examiner in the field. was formerly special examiner in t with headquarters at Dayton. He is soldier and is Democrat, and is well to assume the responsibilities of his n

A Word to Congressmen If the members of the present Congress know what an unexcelled opportunity is presented them for acquiring a speaking knowledge of the language of the Germans they would attend one hour daily the interesting lectures of Frol. Happt, whose fives week course of lessons is just beginning in Man Lee Temple in this city. The lessons are so thorozingly practical and the attainment of a use of this useful arguage so easy and withat so pleasant that it commends liself to all who attend even a single lecture-lesson of Dr. Haupt's. The lectures are given at 10:00 a. m., 110, and 7 to p. m., and a most cordial invitation is extended all to attend free of cost any one of the above hours for a lew days yet. when the advancement of the large chases will have out flowe who might like to enter the course. Any one may register for one lweek to test the value of these lessons that upwards of 10,000 Americans have taken of this unrivaled leacher. them for acquiring a speaking knowledge of

Hop of the Light Infantry. The Washington Light Infantry Corps were 'at home' to their many friends at their "at home" to their many friends at their armory fast evening. Over 70% people were in attendance, and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. The immense armory half was inside respendent with flags and other decorative material, and an efficient flow committee saw that every one had a good time. The Infantry hops know how to do hings and they always provide first-class extertainments for their triends.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. Hieras-Lono is at the Artington. CONCRESSION KENNERS has gone to Ohio for

CALVIN BLACK BURN has been appointed postmaster at Aaron, Carroll county, Va.
Gov. Hitt has nominated James H. Breslin. ames A. McLier, John A. Nichols, and Arthur Leary as quarantine commissioners. Col. FRANK M. TRACEY, who raised the 16th

Missouri regiment and was postmaster of St. loseph under President varield, died at Troy. ian, yesterday. Ms. Error, president of Harvard University. and Mrs. Ellot, while they are in the city, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McCullock. at

912 Fiftcenth street. Cor. DUNCAN K. McRAE of North Carolina, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., last Sunday night. He was a distinguished lawyer, advocate, and politician, and a colonel in the contesterate army. When only 5 years old he delivered the address of welcome to Gen, Lafayotte when he visited Fayetteville in 1825.

Mr. Beveney C. Yaneny, a successful colored farmer of Minnesota, who is spending the winter here, is quite anxious that his col-ored brethren should leave the south 10 large numbers and settle in the west. He will give a plain, practical talk to-night before the Bethel Literary Society on this topic,